

WASHDAY HINTS

Half the secret of good home washing is an intelligent steeping of all badly soiled and stained articles the night before. This applies, of course, especially to white materials not made of silk or wool, but a number of coloured articles in which the dyes have proved to be fast can profitably be included. In a bath or tub of cold water, if three teaspoonfuls of the following home-made cleanser have been first added, dirt will come out of itself by the morning as if by a miracle from the dirtiest clothes, so that much rubbing and rinsing can be spared. Into a quart bottle put half a pint of paraffin, and the same of methylated spirit and of ammonia. Then add two ounces of bicarbonate of soda and the same of crushed borax. Shake thoroughly when making and before using. The bottle will serve many a washday. The self-same mixture and quantity should be used for whitening as for soaking the clothes. Finally, if you use a copper a few drops on a brush when scrubbing it out will keep away rust and other stains.

Pig's methylated is useful along with the s-o-s flakes when washing silks. Two teaspoonfuls put in while dissolving the flakes are enough, and the effect is